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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 4, 2001,
Applicants respectfully elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-7) without
traverse.

If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would
in any way expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to
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